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Sad Result of Intemperance.

[From the Philadelphia (Penn.) Telegraph.]

Two deaths occurred last week under suspicious circumstances, in a tenement house in the southern part of the city. A man and his wife were both found dead in their own room, with no apparent cause for the occurrence, they having been seen in apparently good health on the evening previous. The man was an Irishman, and did not do anything in particular for a living, having lost one of his hands. His wife was a hard-working woman, and has generally borne the reputation of being temperate. She worked out by the day, washing, cleaning and the like and supported her husband. They lived in one small room on the back of the third floor, on Swanston street. A little girl living on the premises states that the man was seen at the front door in good health, but some of the other occupants of the building say that he was about the house, but was not well, being overcome with the exertion of removing their household effects on last Thursday, when they moved into the present quarters, after being turned out of a house near Water and Dock streets. This possible sickness might show cause for the death of the man, but the fact that both the man and the woman were found dead at nearly the same time cannot so easily be accounted for. The woman was known to be in good health, strong and hearty, and without complaint. Officer McCullough, on whose beat the house is situated, being informed that the deaths had taken place visited the spot. He found the man lying dead on the bed in their third story room, and the woman dead on the floor, facing in the other direction from the man. A small tin kettle, partly filled with whisky, was found on a trunk near the bed. No marks of violence were found on either of the bodies, but some time after death had taken place they turned a dark yellow color. This, taken together with the fact of the whisky, being found in the room, and the statement of a neighbor, leads to the belief that the parties died from the effects of excessive intemperance. The neighbor's statement is that of a woman living in the third story front of the same house, who says that Gallagher and his wife were cutting up fish, and making a great noise during the night, and that this uproar ceased with the coming of the morning. If this statement be true, the two undoubtedly participated in a heavy spree in the night, from the effects of which they died in the morning.

HOW TO GET A MEAL.

A day or two ago an elegantly dressed gentleman, of about forty years, entered a fine restaurant a block or two below Canal street. He took a seat at a table that commanded a view of the street, and ordered a sumptuous dinner. The first dishes, and the best wines were spread before him, to satisfy his fastidious palate; while the fortunate waiter, in view of a liberal recompense for his politeness and extra labors, danced about with marvellous celerity, was exceedingly solicitous about the gentleman's appetite, and accompanied every word with a bow. The gentleman was at last done with eating, and called for a cup of French coffee to finish the repast, and to aid his digestion. As the coffee was placed before him, he thrust his hand into his breast pocket, and pulled forth a large pocket book, old, worn, but capacious and well filled. It was an attractive pocket book, with a lock like an old and corrupt stock broker, who had seen of all service and had lost some of his good looks, but had nevertheless a very cheery appearance, as though the owner had a mine of money to back him. The waiter's eyes danced in delightful anticipation as he saw it. The gentleman proceeded to open it, but in the very act he fell back from the table and looked into the street, as if he saw something there that had attracted his attention. "Dear me!" he exclaimed hurriedly, "there goes a friend whom I must catch. Suppose you see that nobody tampers with this pocket-book while I run out for a moment. I shall return immediately."

With that he threw the pocket-book on the table, and, leaving his coffee as it stood, rushed out of the door. The waiter stood gazing over the pocket book for fifteen minutes. His honor had been touched by the confidence which the stranger had placed in him, and for worlds he would not tamper with his charge. The coffee cooled off at last, however, and the waiter became tired of waiting, and very mistrustful. With the pocket-book in his hand, he went to the door and looked up and down the street, but the stranger was nowhere to be seen. He finally consulted the proprietor of the restaurant, and between them they concluded to open the pocket-book. They did so carefully, and found it full, crammed with fragments of a popular evening journal.—N. J. News.

THE CATTLE DISEASE.—The Lynchburg News of yesterday says:—"Saturday night, Sunday, and yesterday, some twelve or fifteen more cows died near the city, from the disease believed to have been contracted from Texas cattle, recently here. Up to this time about twenty cows have died within the past three days, and we hear that numbers of others show symptoms of having been attacked by the fatal epidemic. Remedies of all kinds have been tried by various persons, but none has yet succeeded in arresting the rapid course of the disease."

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